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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PLUMBERS UNION PRESIDENT MARTIN WARD

1. PLEASE INFORM AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ERNEST LEE THAT EMBASSY LABATT IMMERMANN WILL MEET PLUMBERS UNION PRESIDENT MARTIN WARD, AFL-CIO DELEGATE TO DOMEI CONVENTION, AT HANEDA ON JAN 20 AND IS COORDINATING WITH DOMEI APPROPRIATE EMBASSY SOCIAL FUNCTION IN WARD'S HONOR. AMBASSADOR WHO WILL NOT BE IN JAPAN DURING WARD'S VISIT, REGRETS THAT HE WILL MISS SEEING AN OLD AND HIGHLY RESPECTED FRIEND.

2. WE HOPE WARD CAN EXTEND HIS JAPAN STAY UNTIL AT LEAST JAN 28 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AS GUEST OF USIS IN LABOR PROGRAM AT AMERICAN CENTER IN SAPPORO. OVER 60 HOKKAIDO PARTICIPANTS INLEP LAUNCHED WITH MUCH FANFARE LAST MONTH HOKKAIDO-AMERICA LABOR EXCHANGE CONFERENCE. VISIT BY TOP US LABOR LEADER SUCH AS WARD TO SAPPORO AT THIS TIME WILL DRAMATIZE US LABOR UNION INTEREST IN NEW INITIATIVE, EMBRACING BOTH SOHYO AND DOMEI AFFILIATES AND REFLECTING HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN TIES WITH THE US IN WAKE OF VIETNAM AND JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY MISSION TO WASHINGTON. IN PAST HOKKAIDO LABOR UNIONS HAVE HOSTED LARGE NUMBER OF SOCIALIST OFFICIALS BUT HAVE SEEN FEW AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISTS.

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